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Re: URGENT LEGAL NOTICE: Intentional, Systemic Violation of GDPR Article 17 in Google AI Studio (Ref: Issue Tracker #552682596)

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Subject: URGENT: Evidence Update to Letter Before Action - Google AI Studio GDPR Article 17 Breach (Issue 552682596)

Dear Data Protection Officer,

I am writing to provide a critical evidentiary update to the formal Letter Before Action served to your office today regarding the systematic violations of GDPR Article 17 within Google AI Studio and Google Drive.

Following my formal pre-litigation notices, Google's internal Buganizer system (Issue 552682596) has just executed a panic-driven status shift from "Intended Behavior" to "Assigned" (assignee: wo...@google.com).

I am formally submitting this update to ensure that Google's legal department and your office are explicitly aware that this sudden, pressure-driven "damage control" changes nothing regarding the liability of Google LLC and Google Ireland Limited. In court, late regret is not an excuse—it is merely an aggravating circumstance.

This recent scramble by the engineering team serves as two definitive legal proofs of non-compliance:

1. The "Fix" is a Direct Admission of Guilt: By suddenly rushing to patch the backend, Google is indirectly admitting that what the VRP team previously defended in writing as a core design feature ("Intended Behavior" in Comment #3) was actually a severe, illegal, and non-compliant architectural flaw. If it were a legally valid data handling practice, there would be no operational need to execute an emergency patch. This completely destroys Google's prior internal defense.

2. The Structural Violation is Already Fully Executed: A fundamental breach of GDPR Article 17 does not retroactively disappear the moment a data controller begins modifying source code under threat of litigation. The fact remains that for months—despite my repeated technical warnings and certified physical letters sent to Google since May—Google actively, knowingly, and illegally retained deleted user data on its backend infrastructure. The court does not judge what your engineers attempt to clean up today; it judges the systematic data fraud actively maintained against users for months.

The official written confirmation from the Bug Hunter Team stating this retention was "working as intended" remains the ultimate "Smoking Gun" and has been safely preserved across immutable public archives (Archive.ph link: https://archive.ph).

The strict 14-day legal deadline issued to your office remains active. Google has two options: either initiate an immediate pre-trial settlement discussion to compensate for this severe data fraud, or I will proceed directly with filing the civil lawsuit in court against Google.

Sincerely,
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György Istókovics <istokovicsgyorgy79@gmail.com> ezt írta (időpont: 2026. aug. 26., Sze, 15:43):

> Subject: Re: Issue 552682596: PROOF: Google AI Studio & Google Drive NEVER Actually Delete Your Chats! (Technical Breakdown)
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> Dear Google Security & Legal Team,
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> I take note of your sudden internal status change from "Intended Behavior" to "Assigned."
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> However, modifying the ticket status under pressure does not erase the fact that your team has already formally admitted in writing that Google actively retains deleted user data on its backend infrastructure. The systematic GDPR Article 17 violation has already been fully executed and forensically documented.
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> My 14-day legal deadline sent to the Google Ireland DPO remains active. You have two options to resolve this matter: either Google initiates a formal pre-trial settlement discussion immediately to compensate for this severe data fraud, or I will proceed directly with filing the civil lawsuit in court alongside NOYB.
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> If you wish to settle this outside of court, have your Legal Department contact me before the 14-day deadline expires. Otherwise, see you in front of the judge.
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> Sincerely,
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György Istókovics <istokovicsgyorgy79@gmail.com> ezt írta (időpont: 2026. aug. 26., Sze 13:36):

> To: Data Protection Officer (DPO), Google Ireland Limited / Google LLC
> Subject: URGENT LEGAL NOTICE: Intentional, Systemic Violation of GDPR Article 17 in Google AI Studio (Ref: Issue Tracker #552682596)
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> Dear Data Protection Officer,
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> I am writing to you to formally notify you of a severe, structural violation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – specifically Article 17 (Right to Erasure) – within the architecture of Google AI Studio and Google Drive.
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> As an independent researcher (username: Bitu79), I have gathered irrefutable forensic evidence proving that the "Delete" function in Google AI Studio is a deceptive UI illusion. When a user permanently deletes a prompt/chat and empties their Google Drive trash, Google does not execute a backend purge of the conversational data. Instead, only the client-side JSON pointer is removed, while the actual data and model state persist fully intact on Google's backend servers. I have proven this by using the official Google Drive File Recovery tool to restore the JSON pointer, which instantly and seamlessly resurrects the supposedly "deleted" chat.
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> The Written Confession from Google Engineering:
> On August 26, 2026, your own Bug Hunter / VRP team officially reviewed my findings under Issue Tracker ticket #552682596. They closed the ticket with the status "Won't Fix (Intended Behavior)" and explicitly stated the following in writing:
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> "This applies even if the data persists on our backend systems in a way that allows for recovery by the legitimate owner."
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> While your VRP team may view this from a narrow cybersecurity perspective (concluding that since no third-party hacker accessed the data, there is no security bug), from a data protection and GDPR perspective, this is a catastrophic admission of illegal data processing.
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> Under GDPR Article 17, when a user executes a permanent deletion request, the data controller is legally mandated to permanently destroy the personal data. Retaining the data on backend systems—merely severing the UI link and calling it "Intended Behavior"—is an intentional sabotage of the Right to Erasure. The argument that "only the legitimate owner can recover it" is legally void; a deletion request requires the absolute cessation of storage, not the creation of an invisible server-side cache.

Formal Escalation:
Please be advised that I have already submitted the complete evidence package, including video forensics and the written confession from your VRP team, to NOYB (European Center for Digital Rights). Furthermore, this documentation is being integrated into a formal complaint for the competent European Data Protection Authorities and is forming the basis of upcoming civil litigation.

Demands:
As the Data Protection Officer, you are legally obligated to ensure Google's compliance with the GDPR. I request a formal, legally binding explanation from your office within 14 days addressing the following:
1. On what legal basis does Google retain conversational data on backend servers after a user has explicitly emptied their trash and requested permanent deletion?
2. What immediate steps will Google take to implement genuine cascade deletion (backend purging) to comply with GDPR Article 17?

If I do not receive a satisfactory legal response addressing this structural non-compliance, this communication will be submitted to the courts and regulatory bodies as proof that Google's Data Protection Office was formally notified and failed to act.

Sincerely,

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